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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I CERTIFY THAT, ON JANUARY 5, 2004, THIS PAPER IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P. O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.

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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 3, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 3, 2003 to January 3, 2004. Because January 3, 2004 falls on a Saturday, the request is effective for a carryover to January 5, 2004, the next business day.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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